

# Clovis West Band and Colorguard

## ***Booster Meeting – Clovis West High School Cafeteria***

August 16, 2006 7:00 p.m.

### **Agenda Topics**

Introduction and Welcome

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### **Introduction and Welcome – Bruce Hoffman, Chairperson**

Mr. Hoffman introduced himself as the Booster Chairperson and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the 06/07-year. He then introduced our new Band Director, David Lesser.

### **Upcoming Band Events – David Lesser, Band Director**

- Mr. Lesser encouraged everyone to visit the Clovis West Band Booster website at <http://cwband.org>. This will be the main source of information about band events to parents and students. There will be a calendar of events, information on fundraising opportunities, a copy of the handbook and the student listing for the Cardinal and Gold Band members.
- He discussed the departure of Mr. Kristensen for a School Administrator position with Madera Unified School District. This had been a 15-year goal for Mr. Kristensen.
- This is the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year for Clovis West High School and Mr. Lesser is hoping to turn the next chapter in the band's history and expects to elevate their game to the next level.
- He introduced this year's staff:
  - Assistant Band Director – Steve Bentley
  - Assistant Band Director – Mike Maletesta
  - Assistant to Director – Richard Delgado
  - Learning Director – Wendy Karsevar
  - Colorguard Staff – Erin Smith and Eric Escalon
  - Percussion Director – Eric Melson
  - Assistant to the Percussion Director – Jason Burroughs
  - Driver – Ron Douglas
  - Drill Designer – Jay Murphy
- There will be a 6 p.m. performance tomorrow Thursday, August 17 at the conclusion of Band Camp at the baseball field. The band will be performing the opener and some of the pep tunes. The colorguard will also perform. This year's show is called "Aquila." This is a Latin word that means "eagle-like."

- Aquila is a mystical and sacred creature. The opener is called “the awakening,” and the ballad is called “the giving.” They are still working on the closer.
- September 9th will be a Western Band Association Directors and Judges Clinic here in Fresno. Our defending champion Drum Line will be performing at the event.
  - The Band will perform at all home and away football games. In an effort to give the students some time off during the season to be with family and catch up on their studies, the band will be split in half to form the Cardinal and the Gold bands. By doing this each band will be able to have two games off during the season. Colorguard members will be welcome to go with the band if they speak to Mr. Lesser in advance. Band members that are not performing will be encouraged to spend time with their families or make other arrangements to travel to the games.
  - Golden State Tournament of Bands will be on November 4. Clovis West will be in charge of concessions for this event. So we will need volunteers to man the booths.
  - Hawaii Trip, November 6. The itinerary is not yet finalized but will be posted on the website when completed. Performances will include the Rainbow Classic Band Competition, the USS Missouri and at the Alamawana Shopping Mall. Student will attend a clinic at the University of Hawaii. School rules will be enforced at all times. All breakfasts and dinners are included in the cost of the trip. Most lunches too. Parents that want to go on the trip will not be able to set up a package deal with the school district. Once the final itinerary is set you may use it to plan your trip. More will be known in about two weeks. The hotel that the band will be staying at is the Waikiki Beachcomber Hotel. Payments for the Hawaii trip are due:
    - First Payment            September 7    \$600
    - Second Payment        October 6      \$500
    - Final Payment          November 3    \$400
  - Fundraising – Clovis West has a great reputation nationwide for it’s band program. He would like to see fundraising be ramped up over the next year or two and have it going on all year if possible so that families will have an opportunity to offset costs. Please see the website for more information.
  - Championships will be the weekend following the Hawaii trip and are being held at Buchanan and Lamonica Stadiums. World Band Association (WBA) wants Clovis West to organize the manpower for the event because we have had much success with past events. Preliminaries will be on Saturday and will be split with A-AAA bands competing at Lamonica Stadium and AAAA-AAAAA bands competing at Buchanan Stadium. Finals will be held on Sunday at Buchanan Stadium.
  - Mr. Lesser praised the good parent turnout to this meeting and wants parent buy-in throughout the year.
  - Mr. Lesser can be reached for questions at [dlesser@cwband.org](mailto:dlesser@cwband.org).

### **Introduction of Board Members** – Bruce Hoffman, Chairperson\*

- Mr. Hoffman introduced this year's Board Members:
  - Vice Chair\* – Richard Adams
  - Treasurer\* – Mark Johnson
  - Secretary\* – Diane Rhodes
  - Student Account\* – Stacey Johnson
  - Fundraising\* – Susan and Eric Shuman
  - Head Chaperone – Donna Hoffman
  - E-mail Blast – Bruce Hoffman
  - Colorguard Mom – Donna Weidenbach
  - Web Master – H. Dan Smith
  - Transportation – Carl Joplin
  - Uniforms – Rosalie Marquez
  - Chuck wagon – Brenda Abrames
- \*Member of Executive Board
- Treasurer Report – No budget has been completed yet for the year. The books are open to inspection.
- Student Account Report – Payments may be placed in the oak box in the Band room. There is only one key, so your payments are secure. You will receive a statement for your students account every other month. If you have more than one student involved, each student will have a separate account. So when you make payments, please note which child the check or money is going to and which event it is to pay. Please note that the regular Band fees should be made out to Foundation West and that the Hawaii Trip fees should be made out to Clovis West High School.
- Fundraising
  - Entertainment Books are available August 23 through September 29. The books sell for \$25 and for each book sold \$9 go into your students account. For more information contact Susan Shuman at 439-6314.
  - e-Scrip – A hassle free way for you to raise funds through everyday purchases mad at participating merchants. Sign up at [eScrip.com](http://eScrip.com) and designate Clovis West HS/Foundation West ID#139067084 as the group to receive your shopping contributions.
  - Scrip – Please direct questions to Kelly Molthen in the Foundation West office, Monday through Thursday at 327-2469.
  - Corporate Letters – Go to [cwband.org](http://cwband.org) website to download a letter to send to corporations and businesses. Make sure the companies include your student's name for credit.
  - March-A-Thon: Coming soon!

**Talk About Sign Up Sheets** – Donna Hoffman, Head Chaperone

- Students are generally well behaved. Chaperones are strict and the Student Handbook is followed closely. The work of a Chaperone is fun, exhausting and not for everybody. Ratio of student to chaperone may be 10 to 1.
- Medication forms must be turned in and must have all medications that you want your student to receive, even Over the Counter (OTC) medications. The form must be specific to the dosage and must be signed by a physician. Without these forms medication will not be given.
- Colorguard Flag Making – Sign up to help cut and sew flags for this seasons performance. There will be four different flags used this season, sew we need your help. Tuesday evenings from 5:30-9 p.m.
- Transportation – This group needs your assistance to move equipment for the pit onto and off of the field for each performance. Timing is everything and your help would be appreciated.
- Chuck wagon – Please sign up to help prepare and serve meals to our band students.

**Next Meeting** – Bruce Hoffman, Chairperson

Band Booster meetings are every second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is on September 13, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria.